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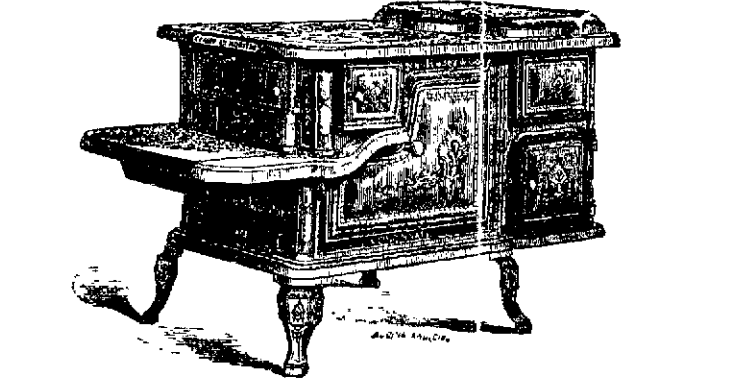
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Having taken the room lately occupied by the Decatur National Bank, No. 13 WATER STREET, and having remodeled and refitted the same, have opened a Full Stock of

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July 11, 1883--d&wt

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DRESS MAKER

Late of Kansas City, has located here, and is prepared to do all kinds of plain and Fashionable DRESS-MAKING. All work first-class and guaranteed.

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Residence--North-east Corner East Prairie and Jackson streets, Decatur, Illinois.

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

WALK in and see the Novelty Baby Carriages at

E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co.'s

My residence, corner of North Main and King streets, is for sale. Possession could be given in 60 days from date of sale.

March 1--d&wt

"Who's elected?"

"Rooms for Rent" to-morrow evening.

THERE are about 300 Masons in Decatur.

W. C. T. U. gospel meeting at the room to-night.

The orchestra last night at the opera house was beautifully applauded.

For Confirmation Suits go to John Irwin's, near postoffice.

16--d&wt

The new addition to the Wabash telegraph office gives the boys more elbow room. They needed it badly.

ANOTHER invoice of Wilson Bros' Ponging Shirts just received at John Irwin's White Front, P. O. block.

Apr. 18--dit

Smoke only Schroeder's Bohemian cigars, sold at a nickel each by all leading dealers in the city.

The Decatur Masons will hold their first meeting in the new temple to-morrow evening.

The excavation has been made for the new brick warehouse for the use of the Decatur Furniture company.

The knowing ones say it is up and tuck between Bartholomew and Alexander in the second ward.

EVERYBODY should know that Ferguson & Dillehunt's hardware store is at No. 13 North-Water street.

5--dit

The four-party contest for alderman in the fourth ward to-day has been lively. The leading candidates are Dield and Shlaudemann.

You will find dark suits for boys at extremely low prices at John Irwin's, near postoffice.

Apr. 16--d&wt

MANAGER HAINES promises to give us a "Pinpoint" performance by the C. C. C. company before the supplementary season closes.

Tue P. D. & E. paymaster visited Decatur yesterday in a special car, and made the employees happy by a liberal distribution of cash.

Don't forget that Ferguson & Dillehunt will store stoves. No. 13 North Water street.

5--dit

The cigar makers of this city presented a petition to their employers, asking for an increase of \$1 per thousand, to commence on the first of May. The request was granted without any hesitation.

Apr. 13--dit

Tas messenger boys connected with the Western Union telegraph office will soon appear in handsome blue uniforms. Manager Erard has been instructed by the Division Superintendent to have the messengers logged out in the manner described.

Fancy driving harness a specialty at J. W. Tyler's shop, south side of city park.

Just received at John Irwin's White Front a large line of genuine imported French Lisle and Ballbrigan Underwear.

Apr. 13--dit

The total number of seats sold for the dramatic festival of Cincinnati amounts to 2,350, and the money realized is \$64,624.28. The average premium paid was \$18.35.

The popular "Blower" hand made, clear Havana filler, five cent cigar, is made by Keck & Weigand, East Eldorado street, who also manufacture the famous "10-cent" and "Keystone" cigars.

Feb 20--dit

The advance of \$1 on the 1000 for making Decatur cigars will not increase the price or effect the quality of home-made smokers. Local manufacturers pride themselves on the quality of their cigars.

PATRONIZE Niedermeyer on the mound for reliable groceries.

The cannon on the Veterans' lot in Green wood Cemetery needs painting to improve the appearance of the ordnance and to preserve the wood.

Mrs. MELISSA DAMON, 165 W. Indiana avenue, Chicago, Ill., says: "Brown's Iron Bitters has proved itself to be the best tonic I ever used."

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Window Glass of all sizes at Ferguson & Dillehunt's, No. 13 Water street.

April 13--dit

Mr. OLIVE Coal Co.'s coal makes no clinkers; burns up clean. To be had only at Vennigerholz's Coal Yard, Mar. 15--dit

News reached Decatur yesterday from Danville, Ark., of the death of E. C. Clark, who formerly resided in Decatur in the second ward near the mound. The deceased was the father of Ben and Emily Clark, both of whom were well-known in this city.

Don't smoke any but Schroeder's popular Bohemian nickel cigars, and you will be happy.

A Letter From Nebraska

BARKLEY, NEB., April 10.

EDMUND REYNOLDS--Sir, you will be somewhat surprised to receive a letter from this part of the world, especially from a person you do not know. Through the kindness of one of your patrons I have been reading your paper and am very much pleased with it. Barkley is not much of a place--only a postoffice. It is 13 miles north of Beatrice, the county seat of Gage county. It is the "home" city in southeastern Nebraska. It has over 4,000 inhabitants, three railroads and a fair prospect for two more; has five elevators, six hotels, dry goods and grocery houses in proportion, one opera hall, quite a number of churches, and one of the finest flouring mills in the state run by water power. Gage county is well watered. There are ponds in the "draws" from two to five feet deep that hold water the entire season. (Gage county is filling pretty fast with emigrants from all parts of the east. Most of the people in this vicinity are from Illinois, your humble servant included. I like this part of the state real well. It is some broken, but not too much to drain well. Farmers are about done sowing oats, while a great many are plowing for corn. The weather is nice so one could ask for. As to the roads they are excellent--the nicest I ever saw for this time of the year. If you think this letter will not take too much room in the columns of your valuable paper, I would like for you to publish it. As this is my first, your readers will probably excuse mistakes.

G. T. W.

Attention, Co. K. Rifles.

Every member is requested to be present at the barbecue to-night for drill and make preparations for inspection and muster, Friday, April 20th.

W. J. McCLELLAND, Co. S.

Before buying a Confirmation Suit, call and see John Irwin, near postoffice.

Apr. 10--d&wt

Look Here.

There will be an excursion to California via the P. D. & E. C. B. & Q., and the Union and Central Pacific railroads, which will leave Decatur by special train at 4:00 p. m. May 15, 1883, for San Francisco. For rates and particulars apply to agent P. D. & E. R. R. Decatur, or L. A. Hovey, at P. D. & E. R. R. office, Decatur, Illinois.

april 21st

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The annual election in Decatur for city officers is in progress in each of the five wards to-day, and as the weather is pleasant, good-sized crowds are congregated about the different voting places.

THE VOTE AT 2:30.

Below we give the number of votes cast in each ward up to 2:30 o'clock this afternoon:

First Ward--At Neptune Hose House, on Cerro, Gorio street, near Shellabarger & Co.'s mill. Judges--E. E. Cox, J. O. A. Odor and M. B. Thomas. Clerks--Charles Carter and John Williams. Votes cast, 221.

Second Ward--At the City Council building, on North Main street. Judges--M. Gloe, J. A. Brockway and Benjamin Dill. Clerks--J. S. Carter and J. C. Hostetter. Votes cast, 270.

Third Ward--At Neptune Hose House, on West Main street. Judges--Michael Troutman, I. Baldwin and J. H. Maury. Clerks--J. W. Erbman and Bunn J. Post. Votes cast, 272.

Fourth Ward--At County Clerk's office, in court house block. Judges--Fred Kany, Henry McClellan and J. L. Peake. Clerks--J. Peake and John Dempsey. Votes cast, 221.

Fifth Ward--At Eldorado Hose House on East Eldorado street. Judges--J. P. Jones, E. Oladette and H. B. Matheny. Clerks--J. T. Denton and Minor Brooks. Votes cast, 130.

Total vote in city, 1197.

The total number of votes cast up to the hour named is 1197, against 1130 cast at the same hour in 1882, when the grand total of votes cast during the entire day was 2123.

The best informed workers at the polls are at sea as to the outcome with reference to the candidates at the head of the tickets. The "quiet vote" will tell the story. Chambers will probably be elected by 150; Mills, by 100; Durfee, 150; Judson, of course. In the first ward Lake will get there for Alderman, Bartholomew in the second, close between Taylor and Roberts in the third, Dield ahead in the fourth, and Palen fighting Shoemaker gallantly in the fifth.

"The Decatur Club"

The above is the name of a new association recently formed in this city, the primary object of which is to promote the business interests of the city, and the social enjoyment of the club, which is soon to be incorporated under the state law. It will be a stock corporation of one hundred shares at \$30 per share. The officers will consist of a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and five directors. Among those at the head of this new organization are Messrs. J. L. Bering, L. Burrows and S. T. Brimstead.

The Last Rally.

Friends of the temperance cause in goodly numbers assembled at the tabernacle last night, it being the occasion of the final rally of the 1883 campaign.

Before the audience was called to order Goodman's cornet band discoursed evening music. Speeches were delivered by two clergymen, B. McGorray, L. P. Muzzy, M. P. Marpley, and the last words of encouragement and hope were spoken by D. L. Burn. To-day the more active prohibitionists are at the polls, working mainly in the interest of the temperance ticket. The battle in the third ward is perhaps the most interesting of any in the city.

This afternoon A. E. Kinney received a telegram from W. C. Johns, at Tuscola, stating briefly that the injunction in the Citizens Street Railway case had been dissolved. The city council can now go ahead and grant the right of way over the route proposed and recommended by the committee.

The City Teachers

Program for city teacher's meeting, to be held April 21:

9:15 to 10--Bain's History of Education, chap. xii., "Moral Education," J. N. Wilkinson.

10 to 10:30--Examination and Promotion. Discussion led by Miss Durfee.

10:30 to 10:45--Recess.

10:45 to 11--Notes on the 47th congress, Miss Judson.

11 to 11:30--Exercise in Pronunciation, E. A. Gastman.

11:30 to 11:45--What ought our legislature to do for the cause of education? T. L. Evans.

11:45 to 12--Remarks by the superintendent.

SHERIFF FOSTER received a warrant yesterday from Lincoln for the arrest of John Williamson, who is charged by Emma Grubbs with bastardy. Williamson is an employee at Butler Bros' restaurant, and when the officer went there to arrest the accused he slipped out the back way and took to the woods south of the city. It will be only a question of time. Williamson will be in the clutches of the law soon.

Taxes Collected.

The books of John A. Barnes, collector of Decatur township, were placed in the hands of Treasurer Wood some days ago, and they have been compared and marked O. K. Assessed valuation in Decatur city, \$103,991; in Decatur township, \$3,033; total, \$113,024; total amount collected in city, \$87,178; in township, \$3,838; grand total collected, \$91,016. The amount of money collected for taxes in the county for 1882, \$197,133; amount delinquent, \$30,967.

Thanks.

The ladies auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers wish to tender their sincere thanks to their many friends who so liberally and kindly assisted them in the purchase of an organ for the lodge room of the society.

Attention, A. L. Hook and Ladder Company, Thursday evening, to make arrangements for their fair and festival. All members are requested to be present. By order of L. ANTHONY, Foreman.

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Rt. Rev. Geo. F. Seymour, bishop of the Springfield diocese, spent Sunday in Decatur. At the morning service at St. John's church the Bishop celebrated the holy communion and confirmed 11 persons. The Bishop preached two able sermons and conducted services at the House of Prayer during the afternoon.

At the First M. E. church the first of the three revival services of the week was well attended, the rooms at both meetings being filled. The revival was in charge of Rev. Dimmitt assisted by the members of the church. There were quite a number of seekers at the altar and several conversions.

Prof. W. F. Black, of Tuscola, had a large congregation out to hear his logical revival sermon at the Christian church last evening. His sermon treated upon the life and evangelized work of St. Paul. Trenching again to-night. Subject: "The Present, or Cosmos, the Intermediate State, or the Condition Between Death and the Resurrection, and the Future, or Eternity."

Ward's de Richelieu.

It was a thoroughly pleased audience which listened to Frederick Ward's representation of the great Cardinal last night, though far too small in number. Mr. Ward's interpretation of Richelieu is fully equal to his rendition of the great characters in which he has heretofore appeared before our people, though there seems to be something lacking throughout the whole course of the play to those who have heard other great actors in the same role. While he seems to fully comprehend the crafty and cunning character of the Cardinal, he appears to be all the while struggling for a climax that is just beyond, and seldom reaching it. In the scene where, to protect his ward from the lecherous king he invokes the power of the church, his acting does not thrill the audience as does that of Barrett or Booth. And yet Mr. Ward is no ordinary actor, but on the contrary gives evidence of rare dramatic power, and promises to reach a high rank in his profession. Miss Boyle, as Julie de Mortimer, acquitted herself with much credit, and in the scene with Boyard did some very fine acting and won a round of the most hearty applause. The remainder of Mr. Ward's support was scarcely up to the standard, though the general presentation of the play was altogether pleasing and held the closest attention of the audience.

PERSONAL MENTION.

H. W. Bartholomew will occupy his new cottage about May 15th.

Charles Staines' \$15 "Maude S." is dead. She bled to death Saturday evening.

A. Q. Seamon, advance agent for the Baker & Farron party, is at the New Dening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Dumont will soon leave Decatur and will probably locate permanently in New York city.

Mr. Sem. H. Thomas, late of the firm of Gladish & Co., left this morning for Pierre, Dakota, where he will engage in the mercantile business.

Mabel Woods, aged 10 months, daughter of Jennie Woods, has been legally adopted by Mr. and Mrs. David Munson, who reside on Franklin street.

Dr. A. T. Darrah, of Tolono, president of the State Medical Society, has moved to Bloomington with his family, for the practice of his profession.

Harry M. Clark, business manager, and Will K. Peck, agent for Whitley's "Hidden Hand" company, are at the St. Nicholas. Young Dick Oglesby is with this party.

Mrs. John G. Stauffer arrived in the city Sunday night from Tyler, Texas, and will remain here until July or August, visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Stauffer. Mrs. Stauffer is accompanied by her interesting little daughter, who bears the pretty name, Marguerite.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING.

OFFICE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DECATUR, ILL., April 16, 1883.

Present--Messrs. Barnes, Ulrich, Chambers and clerk.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Treasurer's report of receipts and expenditures for month of March read, compared and approved.

Supt's report of receipts and expenditures of tuition fund for month of March read and approved.

The following bills were allowed and clerk directed to draw orders on the treasurer to pay the same: Crea & Ewing \$100, Nichols Bros. \$120, John Ulrich \$325, H. Jimison \$320, D. C. Moffett \$350, Morhouse, Wells & Co. \$472, Wm. Logan & Co. \$100, Eldridge & Hostetter, if found correct, \$100.

On motion, the contract for heating and ventilating the 5th ward school house was awarded to Kormeyer & O'Neill, provided they would accept their specifications as desired, and give bonds for the faithful performance of the contract to the satisfaction of the board.

On motion adjourned.

W. A. BARNES, President

E. A. GASTMAN, Clerk.

The Model Lover of Morgan County.

The Jacksonville Journal says: It is reported from Alexander that a young man there talked for three hours the other day over the telephone to his girl at Lincoln, thinking it would cost him 25 cents an hour. The rate is 25 cents for every five minutes, and when the operator told him his bill was \$2 and would soon be \$10, he gasped so loudly and so furiously and dropped the phone so suddenly that the girl thought he had fainted from exhaustion, and immediately stopped likewise herself.

JOHN McDONALD has no superior as a paper hanger and decorator. Call and see him at ANEL & LOCKE'S

April 12--d&wt

PRINCIPAL BREWER, Rossville, Warren county, Ill., says: "Brown's Iron Bitters always gives satisfaction."

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Now in Possession of the Finest Temple and Lodge Rooms Anywhere in Central Illinois.

A full description of the magnificent new Masonic Temple, erected by the Decatur Masons in this city during the past two years at a cost of \$25,000, has appeared in the columns of the Republican in connection with the writing of the imposing ceremonies attending the laying of the corner stone by Grand Master Scott on August 10th of last year. The temple is admitted to be one of the most slightly structures in the west, and is well worth all the praise that can be heaped upon it, for it tells of the healthy growth of the order and the enterprise and public spirit of its members, most of whom are old residents and prosperous business men in our community. The temple is four stories high, and from the top of it one can look over the entire city, and beyond the limits as far as the eye can reach. On a clear day the villages of Elwin and Forsyth can be seen, and with a field glass Macon and Macon can be distinguished in the distance--13 miles away.

THE LODGE ROOMS.

This forenoon in company with Mr. George Dempsey and Mr. Henry Hummel (the latter white-haired patriarch being one of the few surviving charter members of No. 8), a Republican representative ascended the wide stairway leading to the third floor of the temple and took a look through the splendidly furnished lodge rooms, which are beautifully finished in Queen Anne style. Before entering the main room where everything is "on the square," the visitor passes through the four ante rooms having folding doors, which occupy a space 29 feet deep and 38 feet wide. There is a double entrance to the main lodge room, one from each of the two nearest ante-chambers, and once in the main room, where in future the Masons will assemble for the transaction of work in the different degrees of the order, the visitor is at once impressed with the simple elegance of the interior arrangement of the typical temple. The room is 38½ feet wide and 50 feet deep, and is elegantly furnished with new material throughout. The floor is covered with a heavy embossed body Brussels carpet, the predominant color being blue. There are 400 yards of this carpet used to cover the whole of the second floor, and it was procured through the firm of Abel & Locke, who had it made to order. It is circled by a wide embossed border. The ceiling of the room is 17 feet high lacking three inches, and the walls are finished in white. They will be adorned only with two or three Masonic pictures. There are five richly upholstered officers' chairs in the room, which cost in the neighborhood of \$150, and placed around the room are six dozen substantial chairs for the use of the members. These chairs cost \$50 a dozen. Three richly gilded and brightly burnished chandeliers are pendant from the ceiling in the centre of the room, and there are tapers and gas jets for the use of the secretary and treasurer at their separate desks at the right and left of the Master's rostrum. The three pedestals are heavy and pretty, and everything about the room is in keeping with the fine exterior appearance of the temple. The banquet hall and drill room for the commandery is above the lodge room on the fourth floor. It is 38½ feet wide and 80 feet long, the ceiling being 13 feet high. It is reached by means of a broad stairway leading from the entrance to one of the ante rooms. Here the Masons will "eat, drink and be merry" in the presence of their wives and daughters, and here the Sir Knights will obey the commands of the drill master.

The dedication of the new temple is fixed for a day in the month of June, when Grand Master Browning and other "high joint" Masons will be in attendance. The first meeting in the new Temple of Macon Lodge, No. 8, will be held to-morrow evening.

